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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER TO MEET WITH TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS

1. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, PRIME
MINISTER SUAREZ WILL INITIATE A SERIES OF CONTACTS WITH THE
NATION'S PRINCIPAL LABOR-MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE
OF DISCUSSING THE GOVT'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM. MINISTER
OF LABOR MANUEL JIMENEZ DE PARGA WILL ALSO SIT IN. SUAREZ
WILL MEET SEPARATELY IN THE MORNING WITH THE TOP LEADERSHIP
OF THE SOCIALIST UGT, COMMUNIST-DOMINATED WORKERS' COMMISSIONS
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(SWC), AND CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST USO. DURING THE AFTERNOON,
THE PRIME MINISTER WILL RECEIVE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE RECENTLY (JUNE 29) UNIFIED EMPLOYERS' UMBRELLA
ORGANIZATION, THE CEOE (CONFEDERACION ESPANOLA DE
ORGANIZACIONES EMPRESARIALES - SEE MADRID 4510). FACED
WITH GROWING OPPOSITION AND CRITICISM AS MORE DETAILS OF
THE NEW ECONOMIC PROGRAM BECOME KNOWN (MADRID 5745), THE

GOVT OBVIOUSLY HAS DECIDED THAT TOP LEVEL CONSULTATIONS
WITH THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR ARE IN ORDER.

2. COMMENTING TO ERNEST LEE (AFL-CIO) AND LABATT AUGUST
2 BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OR DETAILS OF THE MEETINGS HAD
BEEN MADE PUBLIC, UGT SECGEN NICOLAS REDONDO HAD EXPRESSED
HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY ATTEMPT BY THE GOVT TO LURE
THE UGT INTO A JOINT MEETING WITH THE SWC AND USO. ALTHOUGH
UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE SWC'S MARCELINO CAMACHO TO
ACCEPT SO-CALLED WORKER UNITY IN THE FACE OF WHAT CAMACHO
SEES AS A CLOSING OF CAPITALIST RANKS, THE UGT HAS UNTIL
NOW REJECTED ANY "UNITY OF ACTION" OR UNITED FRONT SCHEMES.
THUS, THE UGT WILL BE RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT SUAREZ PLANS
SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE TRADE UNIONS. REDONDO FURTHER
TOLD US THAT IF THE UGT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING
PRIVATELY WITH SUAREZ, HE WOULD MAKE A FORECFUL APPEAL TO
THE PRIME MINISTER TO STOP STALLING ON THE GOS GUARANTY
(BASED ON PATRIMONY DUE THE UGT FROM PROPERTIES CONFISCATED
AFTER THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR) OF THE DGB DM 10 MILLION LOAN
(MADRID 5707 NOTAL).

3. GOS DELAYING TACTICS WITH RESPECT TO THE LOAN WHICH HAD
NOW RUN INTO MONTHS, REDONDO COMPLAINED BITTERLY, HAD
ACCENTUATED THE UGT'S ACUTE FINANCIAL SITUATION. ALTHOUGH
THE UGT WAS EXPERIENCING A GREAT SURGE IN MEMBERSHIP
(LATEST UNCONFIRMED CLAIM: 800,000), ITS INABILITY TO PROVIDE
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THE EXPECTED TRADE UNION SERVICES AND OTHERWISE COPE WITH THE
INFLUX DUE TO LACK OF INFRASTURCTURE, WAS LEADING TO A GROWING
RATE OF DROPOUTS AMONG DISENCHANTED NEW MEMBERS. WITH
PLANT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS PROPOSED FOR OCTOBER, REDONDO
SAID THE UGT SIMPLY WAS NOT IN A FINANCIAL POSITION TO
LAUNCH THE KIND OF WIDESPREAD CAMPAIGN THAT WAS NECESSARY
IF THEY WERE TO TAKE THE MEASURE OF THE SWC IN THAT CRITICAL
UPCOMING CONFRONTATION AT THE PLANT LEVEL. STABLER

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